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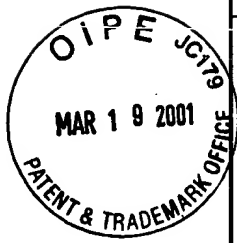
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As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names;

we believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING MAILPIECES IN A PRINTING STATION** described and claimed in a patent application filed on December 28, 2000 and assigned the serial number 09/751,489 in the United States Patent And Trademark Office;

we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims;

we acknowledge our duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56; and

we do not know and do not believe the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on any application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns.

We hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith;

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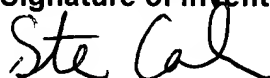
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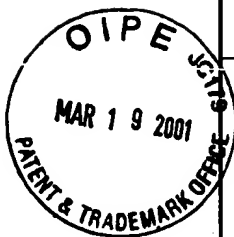
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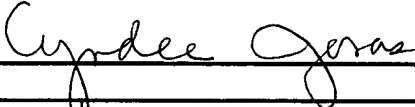


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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of )  
James A. Salomon, et al. ) Attorney Docket No.: F-153  
Serial No.: 09/751,489 ) Date: March 15, 2001  
Filed: December 28, 2000 )  
Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING MAILPIECES IN A  
PRINTING STATION**

**RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT - PATENT APPLICATION**

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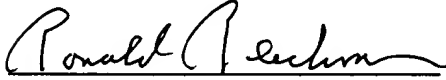
Sir:

Please record the attached original document(s) or copy(ies) in the records of  
the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

1. Name of conveying party:  James A. Salomon Steven E. Cohen Cyndee Jonas Eric A. Belec	2. Name of receiving party:  Pitney Bowes Inc. 1 Elmcroft Road Stamford, CT 06926-0700
3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment Execution Date: As to James Salomon: February 27, 2001; as to Steven E. Cohen: February 14, 2001; as to Cyndee Jonas: January 26, 2001; as to Eric A. Belec: March 14, 2001	
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9. Statement and Signature

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald Reichman", written over a horizontal line.

Ronald Reichman

March 15, 2001

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, James A. Salomon, Steven E. Cohen, Cyndee Jonas and Eric A. Belec have invented certain new and useful improvements in a **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING MAILPIECES IN A PRINTING STATION** identified as File Number F-153 in the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Department files of the hereinafter-mentioned assignee, and for which an application for United States Patent has been filed on December 28, 2000 under serial number 09/751,489;

AND WHEREAS, Pitney Bowes Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and having its place of business at 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A., is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we have agreed to and hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said corporation the entire right, title and interest, in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto, in and to said invention, said application and any and all patents (including extensions thereof, and all the rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property including the right to claim for any foreign patent application the priority date of the corresponding U.S. patent application) of any country, which have been or may be granted on said invention or any part thereof, or on said application or any divisional, continuing, renewal, substitute, reissue or other patent application based in whole or in part thereon, or based upon said invention;

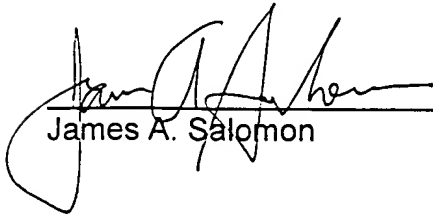
TO BE HELD AND ENJOYED by said corporation, its successors and assigns, to the full ends of the respective terms of which said patents or any of them have been or may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had no sale and assignment of said interest been made;

AND we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States application or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said corporation;


AND we hereby agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any divisional, continuing, renewal, substitute, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said corporation fully to secure to said corporation, its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

agree with said corporation, its successors and assigns, that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention to anyone except said corporation, that, prior to the execution of this deed, our right, title and interest in said invention had not been otherwise encumbered, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

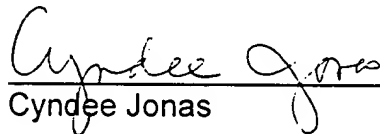
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals:

  
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2/27/01  
Date

  
Steven E. Cohen

2/14/2001  
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Cyndee Jonas

1/26/2001  
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Eric A. Belet

1/11/2001  
Date

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

State of Connecticut )  
 ) ss. Shelton  
County of Fairfield )

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2001, personally appeared before me the above-named James A. Salomon to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Esther A. Lapin  
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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 1-31-2002

State of Connecticut ) *South Windsor*  
 ) ss. *Shelton*  
County of ~~Fairfield~~ )

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001, personally appeared before me the above-named Steven E. Cohen to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

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On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001, personally appeared before me the above-named Cyndee Jonas to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed in and for the

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On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2001, personally appeared before me the above-named Eric A. Belec to me known and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and subscribed the same in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

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